

## **CHILD PLACEMENT AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (CPSS)**

**220 E. Main Street**

**560-8467 (Main #)**

### **PURPOSE**

Child Placement & Supportive Services (better known as foster care and adoption), provides services to children, their families, kinship care networks, adoptive parents and foster parents when it is necessary to separate a child from his or her caretakers if the parents or caretakers are unable or unwilling to provide adequate protection and care.

### **Mission Statement**

In keeping with The Division of Social Services Purpose for Guidance, Child Placement and Supportive Services has committed to the following:

### **SERVICES**

Administrative Support Services –provides clerical and administrative support to the Child Welfare Division which includes Child Protective Services and Child Placement and Supportive Services and maintains Medicaid eligibility for children in DSS custody.

Human Services Unit—provides support services through Community Social Services Technicians. These services include transportation, supervision of visits between children and their parents or caretakers, assistance locating housing, and homemaker services such as parenting and budgeting tips.

Foster Care/Permanency Planning—Social Workers provide intensive social work and case management services to children ages birth to 21 who are in DSS custody in order to achieve permanent outcomes of either reunification with parents or caretakers, relative placements, court approved guardians or adoption.

Adoption—Social Workers provide intensive social work and case management services to children until permanence is achieved through legal adoption. Social Workers also provide pre-placement home studies, adoptions, and post-placement adoption services.

Foster Home Licensing and Placement—Social Workers license and renew licenses for foster homes, provide supportive services to foster families, and conduct pre-service and in-service training for foster families. This unit facilitates the placement of children needing out-of-home care in foster homes, group homes or residential treatment facilities. They serve as the liaisons for the agency to the three group homes operated by Lutheran Family Services and our Rapid Response Foster Homes.

Special Services—Provides LINKS Services to youth ages 13 to 21 to assist Social Workers in preparing them for Independent Living. The Team Decision Making/ Child & Family Team Facilitator facilitate meetings when there is a potential custody, placement disruption and reunifications. A post Adoption Social Worker provides post-adoption services to families and children (adoptee). And the Child Welfare Trainer assists Supervisors in preparing and training social workers in certain aspects of their job and also serves as the DSS Child Welfare Court Liaison.

Family to Family- Social Workers Provide Pre-Service (MAPP) to prospective foster/adoptive parents and complete pre-placement assessments. The Adoption and Foster Parent Recruiter provides written information and conducts community meeting/presentations in an effort to recruit parents for children in foster care.

Some of the special partnerships this program is involved in include:

Family-to-Family Initiative (Annie E. Casey Foundation)  
Durham County System of Care (SOC)  
Family Drug Treatment Court  
Youth Drug Treatment Court with Durham County Family Court  
Family Well Being Project formerly known as TANF Collaborative  
Multiple Response System (MRS)

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Children ages 0-21 who are placed in the legal custody of the Department of Social Services due to abuse, neglect, or dependency, as well as their families, kinship care networks, adoptive parents, and foster parents.

## **APPLICATION**

Clients do not apply for services since this is a state-mandated service that begins once the agency receives legal custody of a child. Cases are transferred from Child Protective Services to CPSS after a petition has been filed in Court to place the child in the legal custody of the agency.

## **REFERRALS**

Referrals are made based on the needs of the child and parent/caretaker to the Durham Center, Welcome Baby, DEC, Volunteer Services for Big Sibling, Exchange Club, CAPSS for parenting, DAPP for substance abuse treatment, etc.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**RELATED TOPICS:** Child Protective Services (CPS); Family and Children's Medicaid (NCHC); Child Care (DACCA); Food Nutrition Services and Work First